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The Honorable Raymond Blattenberger  
 Public Printer of the United States  
 Government Printing Office  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blattenberger:

This has reference to and confirms our discussion of 12 May 1954 concerning the consolidation of the Government Printing Office-State Service Plant with the printing and reproduction facilities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The results of informal discussions participated in by representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Government Printing Office-State Service Plant, and the Staff of the Joint Committee on Printing have been reported to me. It is my understanding that perhaps more than eighty per cent of the workload of the Government Printing Office-State Service Plant is for CIA and that for this and other reasons it might be more efficient, and possibly more economical, to consolidate that Plant with CIA's Reproduction and Printing Plant in one building as an integral part of this Agency.

As a matter of principle I believe that there is merit in this suggestion. If you agree I propose that we appoint representatives to make a detailed study of all aspects of the present operation to determine the desirability and feasibility of such a merger. Based upon the findings and recommendations of such a study we could then decide whether to propose to the Joint Committee on Printing a transfer of responsibilities.

If this procedure is agreeable to you I should like to designate Mr. James A. Garrison to represent this Agency.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

Acting Deputy Director

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